

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 10th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 10th, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Council Member Terry Schuster
Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Josiah Flanagan
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Paul Cooney, Earleen Hinton, George Howe, Steve Rypkema, and Luke Ziegler.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council Members Schuster, Cozzi, Krug, Flanagan, and Mayor Williams answered roll call. A quorum was present.

Council Member Terry Schuster started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

Paul Cooney, the Ogle County Solid Waste Director, spoke about the recycling process, a recent visit he had to a recycling facility, and EPA requirements.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve May 27th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$66,921.17 and the current warrants as listed:

Aegis Construction, Inc	\$4,917.00
Altorfer Inc	\$429.49
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$528.23
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
Cintas	\$147.18

City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$13,100.89
Comcast	\$330.20
DeKalb Implement	\$741.29
Envision Healthcare	\$343.00
Ferguson Waterworks LLC #3325	\$566.11
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$175.40
Fischer's	\$955.11
Frontier	\$117.68
Hach Company	\$2,192.49
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$346.13
Heels and Hardhats Contracting Corp	\$1,202.00
Illinois EPA	\$17,833.19
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$648.72
Integrity Sales Inc	\$712.82
James Taylor	\$940.00
Ken Willaims	\$33.07
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$2,110.60
MCS	\$145.00
Menards	\$176.40
Northern Illinois Disposal Services	\$24,586.45
Pace Analytical Services	\$429.60
Postmaster	\$38.72
Postmaster	\$261.36
Quality Coating & Blasting	\$1,800.00
Quill	\$177.33
Rockford Tech-Systems, Inc	\$238.50
Rush Power Systems	\$662.75
Shaw Media/ Sauk Valley Media	\$123.80
Snyders	\$785.58
State of Illinois Treasurer	\$10.00
Stephen Rypkema	\$100.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,420.15
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,627.01
Stratus Network, Inc	\$64.09
SundogIT	\$2,668.15
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois LLC	\$10,890.00
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$2,505.00
White Pelican	\$1,832.44
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$317.27
	\$145,040.39

Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Ordinances

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2025-001 Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: Council Member Terry Schuster said the grocery tax is something the city has always had; it is not a new tax.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Williams. Nays: Flanagan.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Energy Supply Contract from Constellation for City of Oregon Street Lighting for 36 Months at .04124 per kwh and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Flanagan.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said new rates came through today at 3pm.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to amend the motion for street lighting to 60 months at .04041, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Energy Supply Contract from Direct Energy for City of Oregon Pumping for 48 Months at .05950 per kwh and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said the rates continue to increase. He said he is unsure if the rates will ever be lower with the data centers that are coming in.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Fraternal Order of Police contract salary scales for 2025 and 2026 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said nothing has changed from the first offer. This will lock in the last two years of the contract. The full contract will re-open in 2027.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Planning: Public hearings for three parcels on South 2nd Street and a variance request for a fence at the corner of 7th and Washington Street.

Economic and Community Development: a5 has the website up, social media influencers posts have been made, and the WGN segment aired today at 10am.

Finance: City Manager Darin DeHaan shared the proposed budget spreadsheet. There will be a deficit of about fifty-two thousand dollars even after taking two and a half percent off each departments budget. There has also been a reduction in replacement taxes received by the city. He also reminded the city council that vehicles were purchased outright instead of getting financing for vehicle replacements. It is currently unknown what the impact of investing in the Illinois Funds will be.

Sustainability: Meeting next week.

Tree Board: Working on tree plantings and stump removals.

Department Reports

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Complimented the Public Works Department. He said they have been extremely busy with sidewalk replacements around Mix Park and fixing a drainage issue on Daysville.

Council Reports

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: This weeks Farmers Market focuses on Community Resources. Ogle County Health Department and Happy Leaf will be there discussing the benefits of micro greens. Other community resources will also be there. About five hundred and fifty people attended the last farmers market.

Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss negotiations to purchase real estate. There will be no vote after.

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to go into Executive Session at 6:14 pm. to discuss negotiations to purchase real estate, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:51 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk